## **UTA Board of Trustees Meeting**

December 1, 2021



# Call to Order and Opening Remarks



### Pledge of Allegiance



### **Safety First Minute**



#### **Public Comment**

Live comments are limited to 3 minutes per commenter

Public comment was solicited prior to the meeting through alternate means, including email, telephone, and the UTA website

Any comments received through alternate means were distributed to the board for review in advance of the meeting



### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of November 4, 2021 Public Hearing for UTA 2022 Tentative Budget Minutes
- b. Approval of November 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes



# Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve consent agenda



### Reports



### **Agency Report**

- Raise Grant Award
- UTA Recognized as Apprentice Champion by Workforce Services and Apprenticeship Utah Network



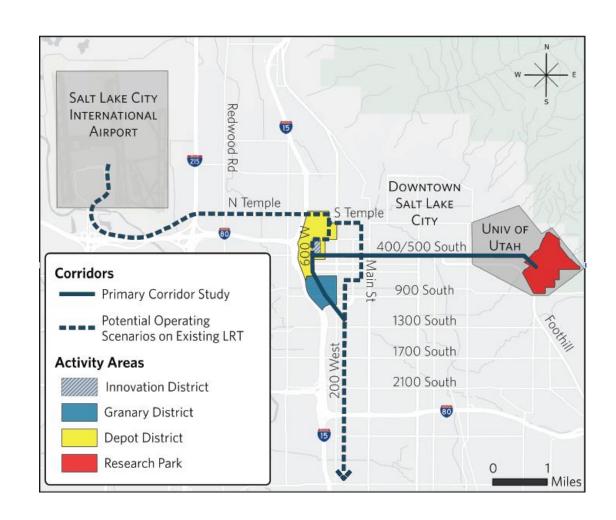
#### **RAISE Grant Award**



#### TechLink Corridor Study – RAISE Grant Award

**Total Project Cost: \$1.4M** 

Federal Grant: \$950,000



# UTA Recognized as Apprentice Champion by Workforce Services and Apprenticeship Utah Network



## UTA receives Apprenticeship Champion Award

November 19, 2021

Utah Department of Workforce Service Apprenticeship Utah Network



#### Utah Apprenticeship Network



### Resolutions



# R2021-12-01 Resolution Appointing Mike Hurst as Internal Auditor and Officer of the Board



# Recommended Action (by roll call)

Motion to approve R2021-12-01
Resolution Appointing Mike Hurst as Internal Auditor and Officer of the Board



## Oath of Office: Internal Auditor and Officer of the Board – Mike Hurst



# R2021-12-02 Resolution Establishing an Employee Retirement Plan Contribution Rate Policy



#### **Retirement Plan Contribution Rate Recommendation**

- Pension sub-committee consisted of Jeff Acerson, Bill Greene, and Rod Dunn.
- Reviewed 2013 policy and any need for updates.
- Actuarial studies project UTA is on track to close unfunded liability around 2033 with current 16% contribution rate.
- Recommend Trustees reaffirm current policy through updated resolution.



# Recommended Action (by roll call)

Motion to approve R2021-12-02 Resolution Establishing an Employee Retirement Plan Contribution Rate Policy



R2021-12-03 **Resolution Giving Notice and Setting Regular Meeting Dates for the Authority's Board of Trustees and Audit Committee for Calendar Year** 2022



#### UTA BOARD CALENDAR 2022

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UTA Holidays Board of Trustees

Audit Committee Local Advisory
Council

# Recommended Action (by roll call)

Motion to approve R2021-12-03
Resolution Giving Notice and Setting Regular Meeting Dates for the Authority's Board of Trustees and Audit Committee for Calendar Year 2022



# R2021-12-04 Resolution Approving the Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis for December 2021 Change Day



#### **UTA and Title VI**

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act requires UTA work to ensure there is no discrimination in the delivery of service
- UTA reviews the equitability of all major changes
- An analysis is performed to ensure there are no unintended negative impacts on low-income people and minorities
- The analysis is presented to and approved by UTA's Board of Trustees



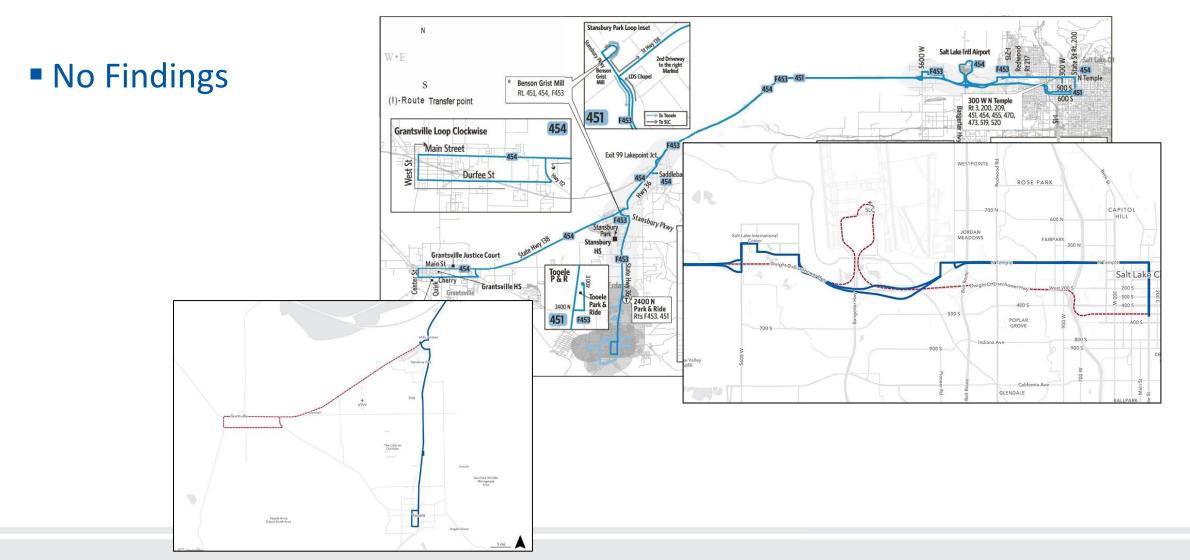
#### **Datasets and Analysis Parameters**

- Demographics from census and ridership data was used to determine who was impacted by the proposed changes
- Demographics of those impacted were compared to the demographics of the service area
- Differences greater than 5% between those impacted by changes and the entire system require further examination and consideration



#### **Proposed Changes - 451 & 454**

• UTA is proposing to eliminate route 454 and realign route 451



#### **Proposed Changes – Low-Income Reduce Fare**

- Proposed to permanently adopt the low-income reduced fare program
- 50% discount to everyone whose income is below 150% federal poverty level and their application is approved
- Participants would be 100% low-income
- Ridership data shows that low-income riders have 5.4% more minorities than moderate to high-income populations
- No findings

#### **Proposed Changes – Route F522**

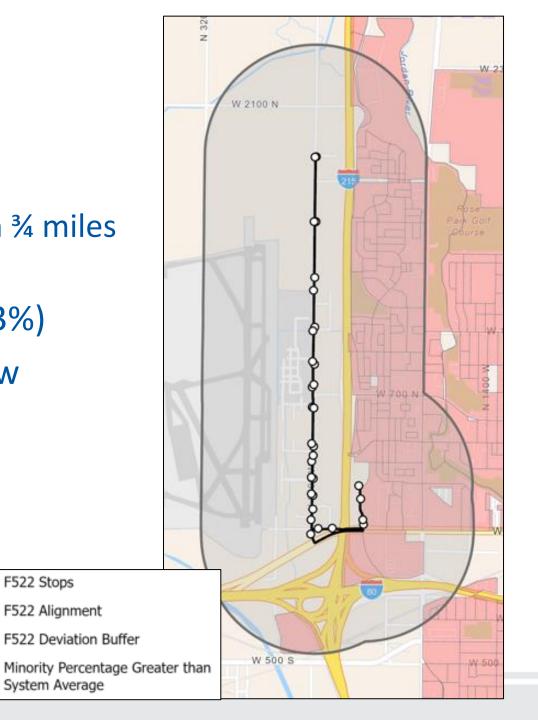
- Elimination of flex route
  - Can deviate for \$1.25 to areas within ¾ miles

F522 Stops

F522 Alignment

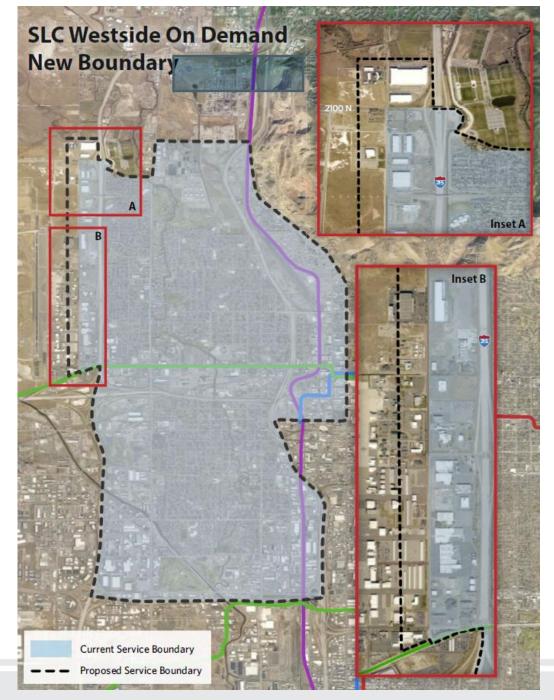
System Average

- Majority minority area (73.6%) with high percentages of low-income (43.3%)
- Area to be immediately served by new On-Demand service in Salt Lake



## **Proposed Changes – Route F522** (Cont.)

- On-Demand service provides door to door service at same or less cost
- Original proposal caused loss of access to F522 service areas
- Boundary of On-Demand was revised to cover more locations including residential



#### **Conclusion**

- Low-income reduced fare program will greatly impact low-income households for the better
- 451 and 454 yielded no potential for Title VI findings
- All areas that may have indicated a potential for a disparate impact or disproportionate burden were negated by the introduction of other service



### Reduced Fare Pilot Community Engagement Report



#### **Overview of Reduced Fare Low Income Pilot Program**

- Expanded reduced fare offering to qualifying low-income individuals
  - Income level 150% or less of FPL, or
  - Member of a participating program (DWS, HMIS)
- 50% discount on regular bus, TRAX, FrontRunner, S-Line streetcar services, UTA On Demand by Via, Ski Service and PC-SLC Connect
- Online application process
- FAREPAY card



#### **Overview of Engagement Efforts**

- On-System Events (4 events, 140 interactions)
- Survey Incomplete Application (10)
- Discussion Groups (10)
- Personal Interviews (2)
- Meetings with Community Partners (12)
- Emails to Community Partners (85)





#### **Partners**

- Family Support Services
- First Step House
- Boys and Girls Club
- Comunidades Unidas
- Women of the World
- Asian Association of Utah

- Rescue Salt Lake
- Utah Division of Multicultural Affairs
- Multicultural Counseling Center
- The Roadhome
- Utah Refugee Center
- And more



#### **Feedback Themes**

- Appreciation for the program!
- Language Barriers
- Photo Requirement
- Document Requirements and Uploads
- Collaboration with Community Organizations
- Paper Application Option
- Types of ID Accepted

- Address Verification
- Reloading the Card
- Price
- Internal Awareness
- How to Ride Information



#### **Opportunities**

- Photo Requirement
  - Photos can be a barrier to access and we do not apply this requirement equitably
  - Remove photo requirement for Reduced Fares pass or assess photo requirement for all UTA passes
- Language Barriers
  - Provide Spanish version of application on website
  - Provide additional languages as needed
- Document Requirements and Uploads
  - Paper application, alternatives for required documents, third party verification, case-by-case option
  - Ensure all application requirements are precedented and necessary, provide transparency regarding requirements



#### **Opportunities**

- Collaboration with Community Organizations
  - Develop a process where third-party organizations can qualify people
- Paper Application Option
  - Continue to provide a paper application option for applicants at CS locations and partner organizations
- Types of ID Accepted
  - As possible expand types of ID accepted, advertise accepted forms on website
- Address Verification
  - Continue to not require address verification



#### **Opportunities**

- Price
  - Explore pricing options to increase affordability (75% in line with Human Service Program; sliding scale; zero fare for low-income; etc.)
- Reloading the Card
  - More options for card reloading, additional instruction for new users
- Internal Awareness
  - Promote this program internally, memo to operations, other ways to communicate and share about this program
- How to Ride Information
  - Provide information with new FAREPAY cards, additional resources on website



#### **Next Steps**

- Create a timeline and plan to address opportunities from engagement
- Make changes to enhance the website
  - Ability to renew, 3rd party partner eligibility, expiring cards
- Additional community outreach; robust marketing and communications
- Improve the program using all sources of feedback from the pilot
- Review the current poverty threshold and discount level
- Build reports to inform future decisions on the program



#### **Questions & Discussion**



## Recommended Action (by roll call)

Motion to approve R2021-12-04
Resolution Approving the Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis for December 2021
Change Day



# R2021-12-05 Resolution Adopting the Eco Pass Fare Structure of the Agency



#### **Background**

- On December 4, 2020 the Authority adopted resolution R2020-12-04 which set the Eco Pass Fare Structure of the Agency
- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Authority has been required to amend the language and pricing of its existing ECO Pass Agreements due to reduced ridership
- Resolution R2021-12-05 will adopt a new 2022 ECO Pass Fare Structure for the agency



#### **Resolution R2021-11-05**

- Eco Pass Fare Structure of the Agency
  - Contract 1: Eco Pass Agreement
- Contracts over \$200,000 in revenue
  - Remain within the parameters set forth in the resolution



#### **Pass Fare Structure**

Program	Price	Notes	Minimum Requirements	Service Level
Annual Preferred	\$275	Annual price per person	100 passes or 100% employee participation; whichever is greater	Premium
Annual Select	\$499	Annual price per person	30 pass purchase minimum	Premium
Monthly	\$59	Monthly price per person	10 pass purchase minimum per month (\$590)	Premium
Daily	\$6.40	Price per day, per card used	\$500 per month minimum	Premium



## Recommended Action (by roll call)

Motion to approve R2021-12-05
Resolution Adopting the Eco Pass Fare Structure of the Agency



## Contracts, Disbursements, and Grants



## Contract: Mount Ogden Business Unit Expansion (R & O Construction)

### Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve contract with R & O Construction for Mount Ogden business unit expansion, as presented



# Contract: Slewing Ring Parts for Light Rail Overhaul (Siemens Mobility Inc.)

### Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve contract with Siemens Mobility Inc. for slewing ring parts for light rail overhaul, as presented



# Contract: S70 Auxiliary Power Supply (APS) Replacement for Light Rail Overhaul (Siemens Mobility Inc.)

### Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve contract with Siemens Mobility Inc. for S70 auxiliary power supply replacement for light rail overhaul, as presented



# Contract: Locomotive Truck Frame Overhaul (Wabtec Transportation Systems, LLC)

### Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve contract with Wabtec Transportation Systems, LLC for locomotive truck frame overhaul, as presented



### **Service and Fare Approvals**



## Fare Agreement: Ski Bus Service (Sundance Mountain Resort)

## Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve fare agreement with Sundance Mountain Resort for ski bus service, as presented



# Fare Agreement: Ski Bus Service – Amendment 1 (Snowbasin Resort Company)

## Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve fare agreement amendment 1 with Snowbasin Resort Company for ski bus service, as presented



# Sponsored Fare Agreement: Trolley Bus Service – Amendment 2 (Layton City Corporation)

## Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve sponsored fare agreement amendment 2 with Layton City Corporation for trolley bus service, as presented



# Sponsored Fare Agreement: Trolley Bus Service – Amendment 2 (Ogden City)

## Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve sponsored fare agreement amendment 2 with Ogden City for trolley bus service, as presented



# Sponsored Fare Agreement: Lagoon/Station Park Shuttle Bus Service - Amendment 2 (Farmington City Corporation)

### Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve sponsored fare agreement amendment 2 with Farmington City Corporation for Lagoon/Station Park shuttle bus service, as presented



#### **Other Business**

a. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.



#### **Closed Session**

a. Strategy Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation



## Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion for a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation



#### **Closed Session**



### **Open Session**



### Adjourn

